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Gentlemen:

The objectives of this department are to provide botanical and horticultural services for citizens of the County. These services are based on the research and education programs which distinguish an arboretum or botanic garden from a horticultural park or display garden. In turn, the research and education programs give meaning to the plant collections that form the backbone of our department.

The accompanying report summarizes the services provided by the department at its three major facilities.

The new South Coast Botanic Garden has been developed in this past biennium to the point where it now can be opened to the public on a four-day-a-week basis. This is essential to the citizens of the area who have been anxiously awaiting the transformation of the onetime dump site into a botanic garden. It also represents tangible recognition of their generous contributions of time and money given to the achievement of this goal under the leadership of the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation.

Similarly, the achievements of the California Arboretum Foundation and the Descanso Gardens Guild, recorded in this report, are impressive examples of how the County's investment in the department stimulates participation by private citizens.

This report presents the main accomplishments of a staff of one-hundred and thirty. It was compiled and edited by Mr. Don Dimond, Public Information Assistant. The art wark was by Mr. Louis Ayala, Graphic Artist, and the typing by Mrs. Lorene Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

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